

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1839 - SB 2007

February 28, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to remove students from enrollment records after three documented attempts by LEAs to verify students' withdrawal from a school and the transfer to another school, system, or state. After three documented attempts, such students shall not be counted by LEAs as dropouts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – Based on information from the Tennessee Department of Education, federal funding may be placed in jeopardy; however, any decrease or withholding of federal funding from Tennessee is dependent upon action taken by the federal Department of Education. The extent of any reduced federal funding cannot be reasonably quantified.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, 34 CFR Section 18 Part 200 states that “to confirm that a student transferred out, the school or LEA must have official written documentation that the student enrolled in another school or in an educational program that culminates in the award of a regular high school diploma.” Authorizing LEAs to remove students from their rolls without documentation would place the state in violation of this regulation and may place federal funding in jeopardy. Any such reduction cannot be reasonably quantified.
- LEAs currently make attempts to verify the transfer of students in accordance with the existing regulations. Any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact on state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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